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For:

FAULT-TOLERANT COMPUTER SYSTEM, RE-SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD

THEREOF AND RE-SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM THEREOF

<u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98</u>

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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-49501, published February 15, 2002 (with English abstract).
- Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-326199, published December 8, 1998 (with English abstract).
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: 3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 4-247531, reutalished September 3, 1992 (with English abstract).

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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